IN THE CLAIMS

The following claim listing replaces all prior listings and versions of the claims:

LISTING OF CLAIMS

1. (Currently amended) A system for providing a presence component in a telecommunications network in which a session to a session terminator is requested by a session initiator upon receiving an instruction from a user, the system comprising[[;]]:

a presence server configured to receive ~~that receives~~ a request for presence information from a requestor, which is configured to receive a session request from the session initiator and to generate the request for presence information, and ~~processes~~ to process the request by comparing the session initiator's identity to preferences of the session terminator and ~~returning~~ sending a preferred treatment to the ~~session initiator~~ requestor,

wherein the session is initiated based upon the preferred treatment.

2. (Currently amended) The system of claim 1, further comprising: ~~service logic that receives the request from the session initiator and forwards the request to the presence server~~

a collector configured to collect information from the session initiator.

3. (Currently amended) The system of claim 2, in which the session initiator further comprises a user agent client that forwards the request to the ~~service logic~~ requestor, and a call user agent client that initiates the session.

4. (Currently amended) The system of claim 1, in which the session initiator further comprises ~~a presence user agent client that forwards the request to the presence server, and~~ a call user agent client that initiates the session and a trigger generator that generates a trigger message.

5. (Original) The system of claim 4, in which the session initiator initiates the session by sending an INVITE message to the session terminator based upon the preferred treatment.

6. (Currently amended) The system of claim [[1]] 2, in which the ~~presence server requests~~ requestor is further configured to request additional information about the session request and ~~processes the~~ process the session request based upon the additional information.

7. (Currently amended) The system of claim 1, further comprising:

a session initiation protocol (SIP) proxy server including service logic that receives the session request from the session initiator ~~and forwards the request to the presence server~~, wherein the SIP proxy server initiates the session by sending an INVITE message to the session terminator based upon the preferred treatment.

8. (Canceled)

9. (Currently amended) The system of claim 1, further comprising:

a session controller configured to control initiation of ~~control infrastructure,~~ the session ~~being initiated via the session control infrastructure~~.

10. (Currently amended) A system for providing a presence component in a public switched telephone network, the system comprising[[;]]:

~~a service switching point that receives a telephone call origination from a calling party, the call being placed to a called party;~~

a service control point that receives a query from [[the]] a service switching point in response to [[the]] a call origination from a calling party to a called party, the query identifying the calling party and the called party; and

a presence server that receives a request for presence information from the service control point, the request identifying the calling party and the called party, the presence

server processing the request by comparing the calling party identity to preferences of the called party and returning a preferred treatment to the service control point,

wherein the service control point instructs the service switching point to establish the call when the preferred treatment indicates that the called party will accept the call.

11. (Currently amended) The system of claim 10, further comprising:

an intelligent peripheral that collects additional information from the calling party,

wherein the presence server processes the request based on the additional information.

12. (Currently amended) The system of claim 10, further comprising:

an intelligent peripheral that informs the calling party when the preferred treatment indicates that the called party does not accept the call, and the service control point does not instruct the service switching point to establish the call when the preferred treatment indicates that the called party does not accept the call.

13. (Currently amended) A system for providing a presence component in a wireless telecommunications network in which a session ~~to a session terminator~~ is requested by a mobile device, the system comprising[[;]]:

a requestor configured to receive a session request from the mobile device and to generate a request for presence information; and

a presence server configured to receive the ~~that receives a~~ request for presence information and ~~processes~~ to process the request by comparing the mobile device's identity to preferences of [[the]] a session terminator and ~~returning~~ sending session set up information to the requestor ~~required~~ to set up the session ~~call to the mobile device~~,

wherein the session is initiated based upon the session set up ~~required~~ information.

14. (Currently amended) The system of claim 13, ~~further comprising service logic residing~~ wherein the requestor resides in the wireless network, the ~~service logic receiving the request from the mobile device and requesting~~ requestor being further configured to request preferred session parameters from the mobile device, the ~~service logic~~ requestor forwarding the session request, including the preferred session parameters to the presence server.

15. (Currently amended) The system of claim 14, in which the mobile device ~~further~~ comprises:

a user agent client that forwards the session request to the ~~service logic~~ requestor and prompts a user to enter the preferred session parameters, the user agent client

receiving the session set up information ~~required to set up the session~~ from the requestor ~~service logic, which received the information from the presence server,~~; and

a call user agent client that initiates the session based on the ~~required~~ session set up information, which is received from the user agent client.

16. (Currently amended) A method for incorporating presence into a telecommunications environment, the method comprising:

receiving a session request from a session initiator in response to a user instruction;

generating a request for presence information in response to the received session request;

~~communicating with~~ sending the request for presence information to a presence platform to obtain presence information for another telecommunications ~~subscriber~~ user;

receiving preferred treatment information from the presence platform; and

initiating a telecommunications session with the other ~~subscriber~~ user in response to the obtained presence information and the preferred treatment information.

17. (Original) The method of claim 16, further comprising:

forwarding preferred session parameters to the presence platform; and

determining the presence information based on the preferred session parameters.

18. (Original) The method of claim 16, in which the obtained presence information comprises instructions to forward to voice mail, and

in which the initiating further comprises connecting to the voice mail.

19. (Original) The method of claim 16, in which the obtained presence information indicates that the session terminator is unavailable or busy, and

in which the initiating further comprises not initiating the session and informing the session initiator that the session request was rejected.

20. (Original) The method of claim 16, in which the preferred session parameters comprise at least one of session type, urgency, and subject.

21. (New) The method of claim 16, further comprising:

requesting additional information about the session request; and

processing the session request based upon the additional information.